

39. Summer St.

Dear Caroline & Deborah,

Monday February 10. Lucia & I were busy packing the things for Fitchburg. I sent off the package for N. B. I had letters from Weymouth. At night Lucia & Emma went with Mary to an Anti Capital Punishment Meeting at the State House. Wendell spoke his best.

Tuesday 11. Wendell came for us at 9. & we started, with the great trunk box, trunk, hair trunk valise full of book table stuff and one great white wooden box which Lucia would call the coffin. I only wished it had screws to it. We put our necks in jeopardy on our way to Charleston where the depot is, for the roads or streets were in such a state that it seemed as tho' the carriage must upset, but we arrived safely. We had Clap's company, but luckily for us the weight of it came on Wendell. He laboured to make himself good with Wendell. Defended his conduct on the Rogers case and so forth. Dr Farnsworth was in our car part of the time. He saw Mrs Child in N. Y. on his way home from Washington. She thought that both herself & husband had been abused by the members of the clique in the matter of the Standard. I told the Dr that however wrong headed she might be, we would give her the credit of not trying to claim the paper which printed the fashion was a dog. At Shirley we took the stage & went 9 miles through the severest drifts. I was most terribly sick ~~much~~ at dark we reached Fitchburg, more dead than alive I. Mrs Jarr, a pretty little woman of 25 received us very kindly & we went to our room. There was a good fire & every thing very cozy. Bro Jarr's house was turned out of the windows, all the elite of Worcester County being met there. The Hubbards too people were the first on the ground. Also there was James Buffum, Mr Dr Hoyt, Miss Pitty Cotton, Mr Everett & her sister & in short, their names 30 were legion. We had a good tea, & then all but me were

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to hear Wendell lecture before the Working Men's Lyceum.  
He gave great satisfaction. 500 people were assembled.  
After the meeting we sat up till late, having that feast of  
reason & flow of soul that accompanies such occasions.  
Mrs Hoyt & Miss Catlin slept in the same room with us but  
they had such burning hatred of Lewis that I could have  
taken them into our beds.

Wednesday 12. We rose early & went to the Town Hall to unpack  
the things. It was a nice room, handsomely furnished with  
green. There was plenty of it & very handsomely it looked.  
The tables were a hollow square in the middle of the room  
with seats all round. There was a beautiful refreshment table;  
there was cake enough & pie enough & other goodies to feed all  
Worcester Co. Aunt Kitty Collins for this is her name had brought  
some a cake with three rings in it - It would be as well to say  
here as at any place that the Fair made \$260 which was  
thought most wonderful & unusual the warmest winter of all  
engaged. There was a constant throng of people at the Fair  
the meeting of the Worcester County <sup>So</sup> going on all the time, &  
every thing as still & harmonious as possible - Wendell, Clapp  
& Buffum did the principal part of the speaking. Wendell was  
more eloquent than common, Clapp spoke very well, & Buffum  
did wonders for him. The Hutchinsons came from Milford which  
is only 18 miles off in a double sleigh, bringing Harriet Jackson who  
has been up there making a visit. They sang most charmingly  
and every body was delighted. Wendell devoured 3 partly which  
was a very good thing, as Adithburgh has had a large 3<sup>d</sup>  
party vote. Nobody came forward to defend it. The Hubbardston  
people were invaluable. They were all your family pointed. Bro  
Everett & his wife the same; Miss Catlin & Mrs Hoyt, very useful.  
Several of the Fitchburgh ladies are very well disposed and  
could act well under me, but there was nobody to take the  
lead. However we got along very well. You will see an  
account, a short one, in the Standard from my pen. Mrs West  
& Emily both made themselves very useful. Mr W. at the  
refreshment table & Emily at the other table. During & I went  
home to tea, otherwise were in the hall all day. At night instead  
of Mrs Hoyt & Miss Catlin we had Harriet Jackson & Miss Abby



